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Letter dated 3 January 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 30 November 1999 (A/54/642-S/1999/1211), I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 7, 8, 20, 22, 24, 27, 28 and 29 December 1999.

On 7 December, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 8 December, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 20 December, one CN-235 as well as one B-200 Turkish aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 13.28 hours and 13.33 hours respectively at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from which the B-200 departed, at 13.55 hours, returning to the FIR of Ankara, while the CN-235 remained at the airport.

On 22 December, one F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR and violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 24 December, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft departed from the illegal airport of Tymbou in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus and,

after violating the national airspace, exited the Nicosia FIR towards the Ankara FIR.

On 27 December, one C-160 and one Gulfstream Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace. The C-160 flew over the area of Karpasia before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The same aircraft violated the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace later in the same day and, after flying over the area of Karpasia, exited towards the Ankara FIR. The Gulfstream passenger aircraft, after violating the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace, landed at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from which it departed later in the day in the direction of the Ankara FIR.

On 28 December, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 12.27 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from which it departed, at 14.23 hours, returning to the FIR of Ankara.

On 29 December, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia FIR, violating the national airspace, flying over the area of Karpasia before exiting in a south-easterly direction. The same aircraft violated the national airspace once again, later in the day, entering from a south-easterly direction and exiting towards the Ankara FIR.

As stated in my previous letters, these Turkish unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia FIR and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus are in violation of international air traffic rules and, at the same time, they are in contravention of the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus.

While strongly protesting these provocative acts by Turkey, I wish to underline the need for showing compliance with the provisions of the Security Council resolutions.

Following the recent resumption of proximity talks under your auspices, it is hoped that the necessary positive attitude will be shown and provocations of this nature will end, so that they will not adversely affect the efforts to find a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, on the basis of United Nations resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 63, and of the Security Council.

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